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[697] There are no big slave labor camps in the Estonian SSR, the reason for which is perhaps that public opinion is too much against the pres ent regime and it is feared that the local inhabitants might co-operate with the slave laborers. All those inhabitants of the Estonian SSR whom the Soviet leaders wish to be rid of are either imprisoned in Estonia or, in the majority of cases, have been deported to remote arctic or semiarctic and isolated regions of Russia. One of these slave labor camps, where many Estonians have been held, is Vorkuta, but there are many others. The conditions of living and treatment in these camps are generally known as extremely harsh and the life expectancy of